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> Re: Simplified Bill Paying Method Our Reference: BAST/001/US

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Enclosed is a patent application, including formal papers, as follows:

Applicant: Richard Bastiansen

Title: Simplified Bill Paying Method

Number of Pages of Specification: 11; Claims: 3; Drawings: 2; and Declaration and

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The applicant is claiming the benefit of priority under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of United States Provisional Application Serial No. 60/214,110 filed on June 26, 2000.

A check in the amount of \$355.00 for the filing fee is enclosed. If any payment during prosecution is found to be insufficient or if any overpayment is found, please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to my deposit account number 50-1582. A copy of this letter is enclosed for use by the Finance Branch in the event that it is necessary to make any charge or credit to my deposit account.

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